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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF OCTOBER 13, 2004
AND AMENDMENT**

Sir:

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicants respectfully request entrance of the amendment made herein,
and consideration of its arguments set forth below.

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• **Request for Entrance of Response**

Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered, and the remarks set forth below be considered, as responsive to the pending office action in this case, bearing the mailing date of October 13, 2004 ("Second Final Office Action").

• **Requests for Extension/ Fees Due**

No fees are believed due in this matter. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required to Deposit Account 03-3975.

• **Format of this Response**

This response is submitted in compliance with the revised format for making amendments to the specification, claims and drawings officially adopted by the USPTO on July 30, 2003, and which is now reflected in 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

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II. AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Format of Claim Amendments

Applicants have amended the claims as indicated below. Pursuant to the revised format to 37 C.F.R. 1.121 which is planned to be officially adopted by the USPTO in July of 2003, and which is now permitted by the office pursuant to the USPTO's release of January 31, 2003, Applicants herein submit only one version of the claims with markings to show changes. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were in the application, are presented.

Statement with Respect to Scope of Amended and Non-Amended Claims

Amendments to, cancellation of, and additions to, the claims are made in order to streamline prosecution of the case to embodiments that are presently anticipated to be of commercial significance, and are not made for a purpose of patentability. Any amendment, cancellation or addition made herein should not be construed in any manner as indicating Applicants' surrender of any subject matter of the application, or surrender of any equivalent to any element asserted in one or more claims. Applicants do not concede that the scope of the claims set forth below fail to extend as far as the original claims. Furthermore, any narrowing which may be evinced with respect to subject matter covered by the claims as a whole, or by one or more claims of the appended claims, when compared to claims previously in the application, should not be interpreted as indicating that the Applicants have generally disclaimed the territory between the original claimed subject matter and the amended claimed subject matter. Applicants intend each term of the claims set forth below to be read with respect to the full-breadth of the language of the claims and not to be confined to a strict literal read of amended terms. Amended claims elements are to be construed to include substantial equivalents known to those of ordinary skill in the art. Applicants assert that the amendments are made without prejudice and reserve all rights to prosecute any canceled claims, and claims preceding any amendment, and other disclosed (but not presently claimed) embodiments in the application, in future continuation applications, divisional applications, continuation-in-part applications, continuing prosecution applications, requests for continuing examination, re-examination applications and any other application claiming priority from or through the present application.

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**COMPLETE LIST OF CLAIMS THAT ARE OR HAVE BEEN BEFORE THE OFFICE
AFTER ENTRANCE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE HEREIN**

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